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TRAUMATIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY FOR THE ATTORNEY; Volume I—The Traumatic Problem, by Paul David Cantor (ed.). Published by Central Book Co., New York; (1959). First of a 10 volume set.

One must immediately take issue with the "Publisher's Announcement" in the front of this excellent volume on medicine for the lawyer: ". . . it is in no sense a legal or medico-legal publication: it is pure medicine. . . ." We who are actively interested in teaching legal medicine, are cognizant of the two different languages that the professions of law and of medicine use. In fact, this seems to be the greatest difficulty in didactic efforts. From legal classrooms where *non obstante veredicto* is clear and in the psychologic stage of automatism, the legal student stumbles on simple *craniocleidodysostosis* (page 424). He now is exposed to the two languages. He falters—but, after pronouncing it a few times, it becomes as *n. o. v.*

This volume is one of a set of 10 volumes—the first of the set to be published. If the succeeding volumes translate medicine as well and as simply as does this volume, the set should be possessed by all attorneys interested in medical problems. The editor (an M.D., LL.B.) has done a fine job. Should an attorney have a specific question on anatomy (which this first volume contains), I know of no clearer presentation in simple terms and diagrams. Not only are the medical details accurately and simply described in the text; in most cases, excellent drawings of the pertinent structures follow immediately. If purchased only for these illustrations, the text is entitled to space on every attorney's reference shelf.

This is an excellent example of what can be done by competent people, in a very difficult subject-task, by the expenditure of time, labor, and money. This is a "future classic" on medicine for lawyers.

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HOW TO EVALUATE AND SETTLE PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS, by Allen Bush. Published by Bobbs-Merrill Co., Inc., Indianapolis; 148 pp. (1960).

The author, an adjuster with sixteen years of experience, has set forth his ideas and procedures in evaluating and settling personal injury claims—with the emphasis upon the latter.

The book is written for lawyers and claims men, both of